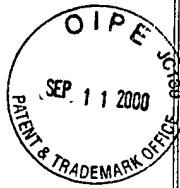


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In response to the official action dated May 25, 2000, in which claim 103 was rejected, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

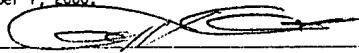
IN THE CLAIMS

103. (Amended) A method of closing a puncture in a wall of an artery made for the purpose of moving an elongated cardiac catheter into the artery in which an exterior guide tube is extended through a passage leading to the puncture and through the puncture in the wall of the artery and into the artery so as to enable the catheter to be guidingly moved through the guide tube and into the artery, the method comprising the steps of:

withdrawing the cardiac catheter [from the guide tube]
and moving the guide tube outwardly so that it no longer extends
within the puncture,

 extending a plug having a removable guide wire extending longitudinally therethrough so that the guide wire extends from the plug through said puncture,

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